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REMARKS

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1. The following observations were made at Grossenhain airfield between 29 October and 11 November 1953:

29 October. No air activity was observed at the field. There was a closed ceiling and rain. From 6:30 p.m. until after midnight, a searchlight was in operation but no flights were made.

30 October. There was no air activity. The sky was overcast and visibility was poor. The searchlight was again in operation after 6 p.m.

31 October. Between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m., several high-altitude flights were made. There was a 3/10 overcast and good visibility. Twin-engine aircraft were also observed aloft.

1 and 2 November. No air activity was observed, but the searchlight was in operation after nightfall. There was a 3/10 overcast and good visibility.

3 November. Between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., the noise of aircraft engines was heard aloft. The weather was dull and rainy.

4 to 10 November. No air activity was observed although there was favorable weather on 6 and 7 November.

9 November. The alert flight of four MiG-15s was observed at the field. The shrapnel-proof aircraft revetments which were observed from the northern edge of the field were unoccupied. Ten tank trucks were observed near the fuel dump.

11 November. During the afternoon, individual flights were made by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s which took off individually. Between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m., the searchlight was in operation although no flights were made.¹

2. Motor vehicles observed at the field and in the town included sedans with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, trucks with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets.

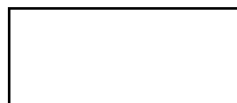
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3. The following observations were made at the field between 2 and 14 November:

2 November. No air activity was conducted during the daytime and at night, but a searchlight was in operation after nightfall. There was a closed ceiling at an altitude of about 600 meters and rain.

3 November. Between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., individual local flights of about 5 minutes duration were made by aircraft which had their landing gears extended. There was a closed ceiling at an altitude of about 300 meters, visibility about 1 kilometer and light rain.

4 November. a swept-back jet aircraft parked at the field.

4 to 8 November. No air activity was observed during the daytime and at night. The weather was usually unfavorable.

9 November. No flights were made. There was a 6/10 overcast at an altitude of about 500 meters.

10 November. No air activity was observed. The closed ceiling was at an altitude of about 300 meters and visibility was poor.

11 November. Between 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m., about 20 local individual flights of 10 to 15 minutes duration were made by MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s. There was a closed ceiling at an altitude of about 400 meters and visibility was about 2 kilometers. At about 3 p.m., 13 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were parked in the area of the hangars.

12 November. Between noon and 3 p.m., individual take-offs were made by swept-back jet fighters fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks. The aircraft headed west getting out of sight and returned from the west after about 15 minutes. There was a 2/10 overcast at an altitude of about 700 meters and a visibility range of about 7 kilometers.

13 November. Between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., individual take-offs were made by MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s which remained aloft for 10 to 15 minutes. As on the preceding day, the aircraft headed west. The sky had an 8/10 overcast at an altitude of about 600 meters and visibility about 2 kilometers.

14 November. No air activity was observed. There was a closed ceiling and heavy rain.

1. Comment. The two fighter regiments which, in addition to the fighter division headquarters, are stationed at Grossenhain airfield conducted only little air activity during the period of observation because of unfavorable weather. The two regiments are believed to be equipped with 60 to 65 MiG-15s most of which are parked in the numerous hangars at the field.

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